

REMARKS

By this Preliminary Amendment, claims 1, 7 through 10, 16 through 23, and 30 have been canceled; claims 2, 6, 11, 15, 24, 27, 29 and 31 have been amended; and new claim 34 has been added. Examination is respectfully requested.

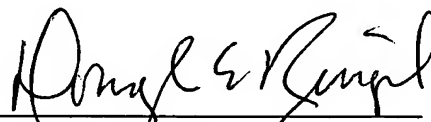
If for any reason the Examiner believes that contact with Applicants' attorney would advance prosecution, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number given below.

The Office is authorized to charge any fees associated with this Amendment, including those under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17, to Kenyon & Kenyon Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

Respectfully submitted,

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